



## Frederick County Sustainability Commission

### Meeting Minutes for

6/21/17



**FCSC Attendees:** Tom Anderson, Annie Jones, Jennifer Bird, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Elizabeth Peterson, Ron Hardman, John Ferri, Joe Richardson, Mike Swanson, Kevin Sellner

Rachel Armistead (via telephone)

**OSER:** Shannon Moore

**Public:** Ellis Burruss, Patrice Gallagher, Samantha Hogan, Phil Westcott, Elizabeth Van Nolan

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

1. The Chair (Annie Jones) opened the meeting at 3:04 PM and welcomed all FCSC members and guests.

#### **II. Vice Chair items**

##### **1. Approval of May Meeting Minutes.**

1. Approval of May Meeting Minutes. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes. Joe seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by majority vote. There was one abstention.

##### **2. Review Action Items**

1. No Update

#### **III. Presentation: Zero Waste Alliance**

##### **A. Guest Speakers: Patrice Gallagher and Ellis Burruss**

1. Divert 40,000 tons of the 137,000 tons of solid waste, from the landfill to local composting.
2. Speakers suggest the FCSC promote a Waste and Composting Training Workshop in September. Also suggest encouraging compost in schools. The Workshop will be hosted by Zero Waste USA, a non-profit company, based in California.
3. Mr. Burruss presented a summary of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Compost Summit.
4. It was noted that recycling bins should be placed alongside waste bins throughout the county and multi-unit dwellings need help with diverting waste products.
5. It has been proposed that these issues be addressed in pilot programs in the county to illustrate to the public the benefits and to phase in the changes in waste collection.
6. It is recognized that there are many zoning hurdles and that legislation will have to be drafted to address the details. A saleable product needs to result from the process.
7. There is a US Compost Council which offers assistance. There are nearby counties that have instituted composting programs that could serve as models.

8. The FCSC could help draft legislation.
9. As noted below in item 6.A.3, a motion was unanimously accepted: FCSC will support a fall workshop with Zero Waste Alliance and others.

#### **IV. OSER and Livable Frederick Updates**

##### **A. Executive Office Restructuring**

1. Public Meeting at 11:00 AM, June 29<sup>th</sup>, to announce OSER to move to the Executive Office.

##### **B. Program Updates**

1. Creek Relief Program: 19 applications received from both public and private properties. The program plants 100 trees per 1 acre. OSER presented a video that explains the program.
2. Power Retrofits: Received \$750,000 in Grant Funds.
3. SWM projects are proceeding through the Design and Construction process.

#### **V. Environmental Preferable Purchasing Update**

##### **A. Environmental Preferable Purchasing (EPP) Summit**

1. 20 jurisdictional Green Teams participated.
2. Major suggestion was that the County work on a regular EPP schedule.

#### **VI. Waste and Composting Update**

##### **A. What's Next?**

1. The What's Next Steering Committee Report is to be presented to the County Council at 4:30 PM, Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All tasks assigned to the What's Next Committee will be complete upon submission of the Report to the County Council.
2. OSER will inquire, from the County Executive, if FCSC is tasked to develop the recommendations of the What's Next Report.
3. Tom presented the following motion: ***FCSC to support a Fall 2017 Workshop on Resource (specifically materials to compost) with Zero Waste Alliance and with other organizations.*** The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin and was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **VII. Sustainability Indicators Discussion**

##### **A. Website**

1. Annie presented the website and log on information for Commission use and updates.

#### **VIII. Planning for Upcoming Year**

##### **A. Guest Speakers**

1. Commissioners to suggest in upcoming meetings.

**B. Commissioner Projects**

1. Present at Upcoming Meeting: Possibly legislative suggestions
2. Present at Upcoming Meeting: Capstone Project for each Commissioner

**IX. Commission Members Items of Interest**

Ron K – Made a Climate Change Presentation to Poolesville High School students.

Annie – Alan Fienberg’s East Frederick Rising presentation to the American Planning Association (APA) was well received and should be a topic for an upcoming meeting.

Kevin – Was present for the NAC-11 meeting. Participants suggested that a Downtown Frederick Master plan be developed, similar to the East Frederick Rising Plan.

Elizabeth – Was present for the Compost Summit.

Tom – Involved with the National Envirothon. The event will be on July 24<sup>th</sup>, at Mount Saint Mary’s.

**Acknowledgement**

Ron presented a citation from the County Executive to Annie Jones on her excellent leadership, knowledge, and commitment to the Frederick County Sustainability Commission.

**Public Comments**

Audience members voiced support for development of the recommendations presented in the What’s Next Report.

**Action Items:**

8-18-16. Choose water quality/watershed indicators to help develop sustainability goals.

10-10-15. FCSC committees: Invite community volunteers to join.

10-8-15. County Green Teams: Ron has assembled a comprehensive list that includes municipalities with teams and contact information shown.

**Adjournment:** Following a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.